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METHOD FOR MAKING

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FIBER OPTIC ARRAY SWITCH (124)

Serial Number: 09/833,282

Filing Date: April 12, 2001

Inventor: Dan A. Steinberg

OPTICAL SWITCH ASSEMBLY WITH FLEX PLATE AND METHOD FOR MAKING (03-12)

Serial Number: 10/022,726

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

Inventors: David W. Sherrer, John Fisher and Dan A. Steinberg

OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE SWITCH (02-08)

Serial Number: 10/356,663

Filing Date: January 31, 2003

Inventors: Dan A. Steinberg; William T. Stacy; John J. Fisher; Mindaugas F. Dautartas and David W. Sherrer

OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE SWITCH (02-12)

Serial Number: 09/835,106

Filing Date: April 13, 2001

Inventors: Dan A. Steinberg and David W. Sherrer

FIBER ARRAY SWITCH HAVING MICROMACHINED FRONT FACE WITH ROLLER BALLS (03-05)

Serial Number: 09/728,896

Filing Date: December 1, 2000

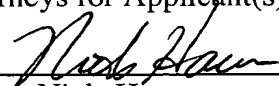
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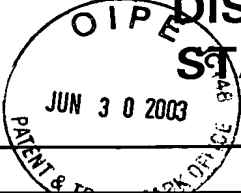
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